

celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the U.S.-Thailand treaty alliance. Thailand is our longest standing ally in Asia, and has been a reliable partner and friend in the region.

The United States and Thailand's partnership is wide ranging; we are economic partners, we participate in military training exercises together, and our cultural and people-to-people exchanges are on the rise. The two

countries have cooperated on counterterrorism.

As our relationship continues to strengthen, we are delighted to join our friends in Thailand in celebrating the 85th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 616, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 10

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the state-sanctioned marginalization of Christians in Western Europe, focusing on the origins, methods, and implications of such a movement and its relation to religious freedom rights as they are protected in major international human rights agreements.

TBA

DECEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) rental housing assistance programs, part II.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine tax reform and Federal energy policy, focusing on

incentives to promote energy efficiency.

SD-215

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SR-418

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine ending the school-to-prison pipeline.

SD-226

DECEMBER 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold a closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219